

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT)
OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR THE)
LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS ASSOCIATION)**

**ORDER APPROVING
TARIFF REVISIONS
TC01-088**

On June 29, 2001, the Local Exchange Carriers Association (LECA) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) revised pages of its LECA Tariff No. 1. LECA stated: "The purpose of these revisions is to implement changes in rates as necessitated by revisions in member companies' revenue requirements. The revised rates are proposed to be effective upon PUC approval of the corresponding cost studies."

On July 5, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 20, 2001, to interested individuals and entities. On July 24, 2001, the Commission voted to assess a filing fee as requested by the Executive Director up to the statutory limit of \$100,000. The Commission considered this matter at its January 24, 2001, meeting. Commission Staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions that incorporate the revised revenue requirements of some member companies.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 49-1A-9, 49-31-12.2, 49-31-12.4, 49-31-12.6, 49-31-18, 49-31-19 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, 20:10:01:15.05, 20:10:27:07 and 20:10:27:08. Upon review of LECA's filing, the Commission found that the proposed tariff revisions are fair and reasonable and should be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that LECA's tariff revisions are hereby approved as filed and shall be effective for telecommunications services rendered on and after February 1, 2002.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 31st day of January, 2002.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: _____

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner